14.	Punjab	—
15.	Himachal Pradesh	—
16.	Orissa	25,000
17.	Rajasthan	34,000
18.	Tamil Nadu	1,18,497
19.	Uttar Pradesh	67,523
	TOTAL:	9,53,815

'Telephone-on-Demand' Scheme Introduced by Hyderabad Telecom

1721. SHRI V. HANUMANTHA RAO: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Hyderabad Telecom has introduced the 'Phone-on-Demand' Scheme;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether this Scheme is on operation in other parts of the country;

(d) what is the number of such phones released in Hyderabad Telecom so far in 1995-96; and

(e) what other measures Hyderabad Telecome propose to clear the waiting list?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SUKH RAM): (a) No, Sir. However waiting list has considerably reduced in a number of exchange areas in Hyderabad due to increased availability of Telephones.

(b) Question does not arise.

(c) No, Sir, However, National Telecom Policy 1994 envisages provision of telephone connections on demand all over the country by 1997.

(d) Question does not arise in view of reply to part (a) above. However, During normal course 28841 telephone connections have been provided so far in Hyderabad Telephone District during 95-96.

(e) The waiting list upto June '95 is proposed to be cleared by 31st March 1996 in Hyderabad Telephone District subject to timely availability of equipment and other resources.

Allocation of STD/ISD/PCO to Unemployed Handicapped Youth

1722. SHRI V. HANUMANTHA RAO Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are giving any preference to unemployed-handicapped youth in the allotment of STD/ISD/PCOs in the country; and

(b) if so, the details of guidelines issued to Telecom General Managers in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SUKH RAM): (a) Yes, Sir. Preferential categories include unemployed-handicapped persons.

(b) The details of guidelines issued to the Heads of Telecom. Circles/Districts in this regard are given in the Statement.